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DATE: 29 AUGUST 1974

SUBJECT: NEW JANES FIGHTING SHIPS OUT

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THE NEW YORK TIMES THIS MORNING CITES THE NEW EDITION OF JANE'S FIGHTING SHIPS AS GIVING THE SOVIET NAVY A DECIDED NUMERICAL EDGE OVER THE US NAVY. THE JANES FIGURES ARE GENERALLY ACCURATE BUT WE NOTE SOME DIFFERENCES WITH OUR INVENTORY

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THE TIMES ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE STARTING TO CHALLENGE US SUPREMACY IN AIRCRAFT CARRIERS BY BUILDING TWO

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CARRIERS AT NIKOLAYEV. IT APPEARS PREMATURE TO CALL THE SOVIET
CARRIER CONSTRUCTURE A CHALLENGE, HOWEVER, BECAUSE THEY ARE
EXPECTED TO BUILD ONLY TWO CARRIERS. THE FIRST ONE WILL PROBABLY
BE OPERATIONAL IN 1975.

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